

THE GHOST AND MOLLY MCGEE

"DAD'S LUCKY TIE"

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LOGLINE: *When Mom loses Dad's lucky tie, the family works together to replace it before Dad freaks out!*

THEME: *The truth always comes out*

Dad has a big meeting with the City Council and NEEDS his lucky tie. Mom assures him it's at the cleaners and promises to pick it up and bring it to him in time for his meeting. But once Dad leaves, Mom panics. She confesses to Molly, Darryl, and Scratch that the tie isn't at the cleaners -- *she* ruined it while trying to clean it! Molly doesn't understand what the big deal is -- Dad has lots of ties. Mom: "Your dad has worn this tie to every major event: our first date, your births, job interviews, that day he won a year supply of astronaut ice cream! He's convinced it's the reason his success. He'll fall apart without it!" Darryl tells Mom that if it's a cover-up she needs, then he's her guy. The family decides to work together: Molly and Scratch will keep Dad calm, while Darryl and Mom find a replacement.

Desperate, Mom and Darryl search Bizmart for a similar tie, but just as they spot menswear, a sale on ties is announced. Customers swarm, clearing the racks except for one rubber ducky tie that quacks. Determined not to give up, they try Weird Larry's Pawn Shop, where Weird Larry sorts through his "organizational system." Finally, he pulls out an identical tie. They did it! And with time to spare! But as they head to City Hall through the park, a gang of ruffian raccoons mug them, stealing the tie! They HAVE to get that tie back! Dad can't perform without that tie, and it's all Mom's fault!

Meanwhile, Molly and Scratch try to get Dad to relax. They go full day spa with Scratch as the masseuse ("But I'm not touching those feet!") and Molly in charge of the mud-mask. Finally, Dad relaxes and lets go of all his fears. He trusts Sharon. She'll bring the tie and everything will be fine!

At City Hall, Dad waits for Mom in a zen, meditation pose. But when Sharon arrives, all she has are a few tattered scraps they pulled from the raccoons. She confesses everything. Dad spirals; he's going to tank his meeting without that tie! Mom stops him: "The tie isn't the reason you're a great husband, father, city planner... It's because you're Pete McGee!" Touched, Dad gets his courage back, and marches into the Council Chambers. Later, Dad returns -- his meeting was a success! Turns out, he doesn't need a lucky tie. All he needs is for his family to believe in him. As he walks away, the family notices toilet paper stuck to the bottom of his shoe. Mom: "It's probably best we don't tell him." **THE END.**